

**PATENT**

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Title: WASHING APPLIANCE WATER )  
SOFTENER )  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2009, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: